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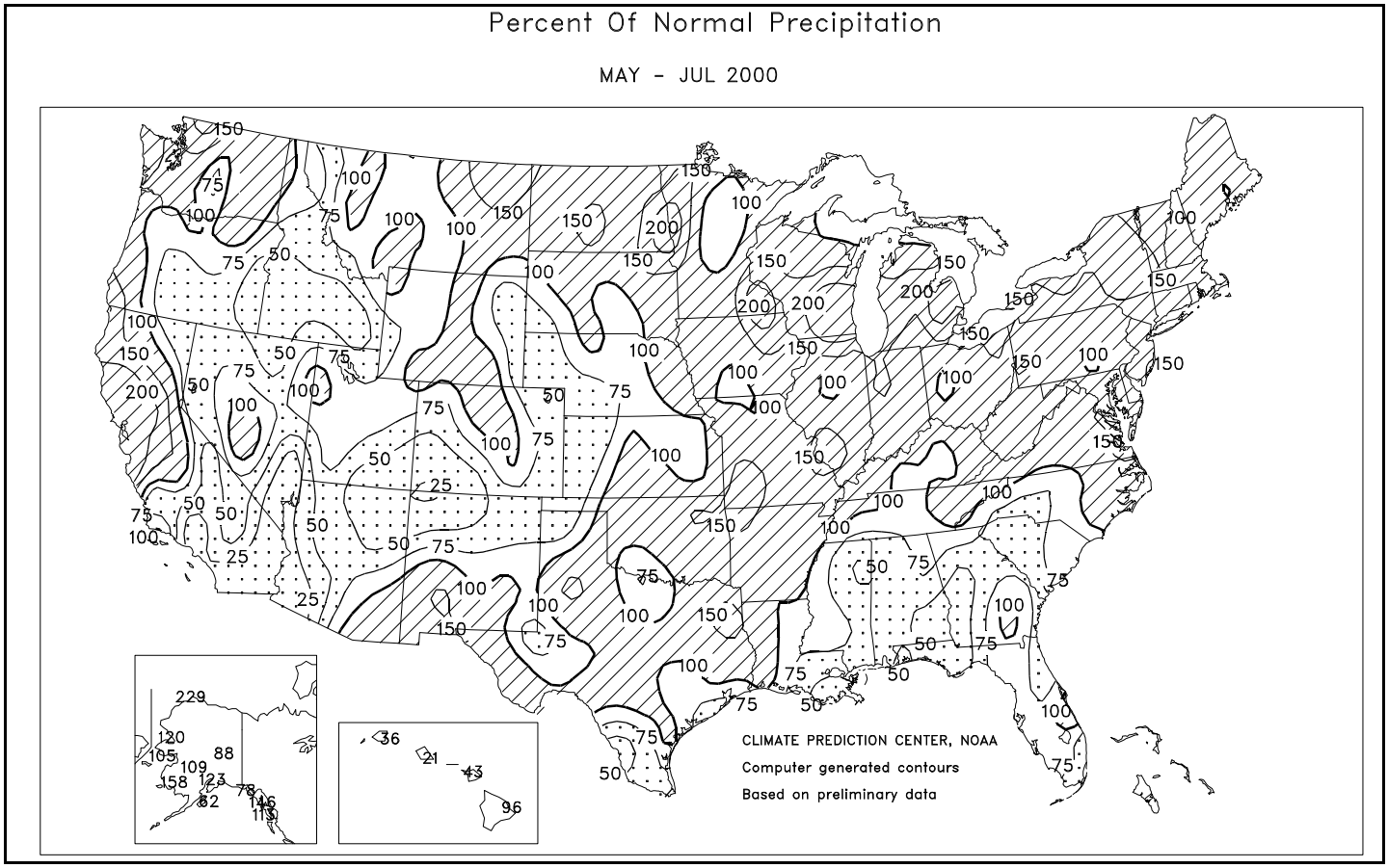

HIGHLIGHTS

July 30 - August 5, 2000

Widespread rain maintained generally adequate soil moisture for reproductive to filling summer crops in **Corn Belt** and brought relief to drought-stricken pastures and crops in the **Southeast**. Heavy rain persisted across the **northern Mid-Atlantic States** and **southern New England**, slowing fieldwork and keeping soil moisture levels adequate to locally excessive. From the **Plains westward**, however, significant rainfall was confined to parts of the **Dakotas**. On the **northern and central High Plains**, hot, dry conditions favored fieldwork but hastened the maturation of spring-sown small grains. Dry weather depleted topsoil moisture in the **South-**

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